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As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Applicants are calling the following to the attention of the Patent Office and request that they be considered by the Examiner:

United States Patent No. 6 174 655

Column 2, line 1 – column 3, line 25

Column 13, line 40 – line 45

United States Patent No. 5 674 618

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European Patent EP A-0 921 144 (enclosed)

Page 2, line 45 – page 3, line 5

Paragraph '0053!';

Claims

Examples

European Patent EP A-1 167 447 (enclosed)

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World Patent WO 02/38673 A (enclosed)

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World Patent WO 03/029349 A (enclosed)

Page 2, paragraphs 3, 4;

Claims

World Patent WO 00/34377 A (enclosed)

Page 5, line 15 - line 20;

Page 21, line 1 – line 7;

Page 21, line 25 – line 28;

Claim 18

These prior art documents were part of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability of the instant specification. The other patents in the Search Report have already been submitted and considered by the Examiner. For completeness these are

United States Patent No. 4 6545 249

column 1, line 67 – column 2, line 27;

column 4, line 52- line 65;

examples

United States Patent No. 5 475 046

Column 1, line 60 – column 2, line 15;

claims

United States Patent No. 5 633 080

Column 2, line 5 – line 24;

Column 2, line 66 – column 3, line 19;

Claims 11, 13

All of these patents may be relevant as they were cited in the preliminary search report. The final version of the search report reads

[United States Patent No. 5 633 080] was considered the closest prior art with the difference between [United States Patent No. 5 633 080] and claim 1 is that in [United States Patent No. 5 633 080], glass spheres are added instead of light absorbent composition which absorbs specifically at wavelength which correspond to the dimensions of the domains of the fillers (380-720nm).

Since there are no comparative examples according to [United States Patent No. 5 633 080] in the present application, the objective technical problem is to provide further polymer (polyester) compositions present no haze effect. In the different documents cited which relate to the decrease of haze and to more clarity of films made with such polyester (polymer) ([United States Patent No. 5 475 046 and United States Patent No. 5 674 618]), such technical problem is not solved by the specific colorants used. It is merely solved by the size reduction of the particles and their amounts in the film.

The above-listed references may not be prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102 and this document should not be construed as an admission that any of the above-listed references are prior art within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §102. A copy of the above foreign patents, Form PTO-1449, the credit card submission form PTO-2038 with an authorized charge of \$180.00 are enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any overages or apply any credits to deposit account number 50-3651.

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		EP-A-0921144	06-09-1999	Mitsubishi Chem		
		EP-A-1167447	01-02-2002	Sinco Ricerche		
		WO 02/387673 A	05-16-2002	Valspar Corp		
		WO 03/029349 A	04-10-2003	Sinco Ricerche		
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